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SUBJECT: LAO REFUGEE: MOUA LENG

REF: (A) STATE 134164 (B) UDORN 5690

POST HAS RECEIVED TRANSLATION OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY  
MOUA LENG IN FLORIDA TO HIS BROTHER, MOUA CHA, IN  
MISSOULA (PHONE 406-543-6398). REF (B) IS UDORN  
NOTIFICATION OF SPONSOR-REFUGEE PROBLEM. TEXT FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT MY FAMILY HAVE  
BEEN IN FLORIDA ALMOST TWO MONTHS AND WE ALWAYS HAVE A  
PROBLEM ABOUT OUR LIVING CONDITION BETWEEN THE SPONSOR  
AND US. SINCE WE GOT TO FLORIDA UNTIL NOW WE DIDN'T  
GET ANY SUPPORT OR HELP FROM THE SPONSOR OR THE USCC  
BUT WE DID HEAR THAT THE USCC GAVE \$2400 FOR OUR SPONSOR  
TO HELP US BUT WE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING FROM THEM.

THE PROBLEM IS THE SPONSOR DID NOT INTERESTING  
ABOUT US AND HE TOLD US TO LIVE IN HIS VERY OLD HOUSE  
AT THE FARM. THERE IS NO WATER SO WE HAVE TO CARRY THE  
WATER FROM THE SPONSOR'S HOUSE TO USE WHERE WE ARE. WHAT  
WE HAVE GOT FROM THE SPONSOR JUST ONLY \$64 WHEN WE FIRST  
GOT THERE AND HE BOUGHT US THE FOOD. AFTER THAT WE HAVE  
TO PAY EVERYTHING BY OURSELVES SO WE DIDN'T HAVE MONEY  
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AND WE HAVE TO BORROW MONEY FROM THE SPONSOR AND THEN

WE WILL WORK TO PAY HIM BACK.

EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A VERY POOR LIVING CONDITION BUT WE HAVE NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT ANYTHING. THE BIG PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE NOW IS THE SPONSOR PUT US TO WORK FOR HIM (AS TO TAKE A MILK FROM THE COWS) AND HE PAID US ONLY 80 CENTS P/H. I AND MY OTHER TWO YOUNG MEN ARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A FULL TIME, AND WE HAVE NO MONEY TO BUY ANY SHOES OR RUBBER BOOTS TO WEAR. WE ARE WORKING EVERYDAY IN THE MUD WITHOUT SHOES SO OUR FEET SPOIL AND SO PAINFUL FOR US TO STAND EVERYDAY LIKE THAT BECAUSE WE ARE WORKING AT THE COW SHED.

ON 16 JULY AT 12:00 NOON WE HAVE TO CALL OUR SPONSOR TO COME TO OUR HOUSE AND TALK ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND ASKED HIM TO GIVE US THREE DAYS OFF TO REST OUR FEET, BUT HE DID NOT LISTEN TO US. HE SHOUT AND SHOUT, WALK BACK AND FORTH IN FRONT OF US AND HE WAS VERY ANGRY TO US SO HE LEFT FROM OUR PLACE ABOUT COUPLY HOURS AND HIS SON CAME BACK TO TAKE MY OTHER TWO YOUNG MEN TO WORK. AFTER THEY LEFT ABOUT ONE HOUR THE SPONSOR CAME BACK TO FIGHT ME, HE PULL ME OUT OF THE HOUSE AND PUT ME INTO HIS CAR SO MY WIFE AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO TO ME. MY WIFE AND MY OTHER FOUR CHILDREN CRIED AND CRIED AND SHE CAME OUT TO ARGUE WITH THE SPONSOR AND SHE PULLED ME OUT OF HIS CAR BECUASE I WAS TOO WEAK FROM MY SICKNESS. IF MY WIFE DIDN'T HELP ME THEN HE PROBABLY TOOK ME TO THROW AWAY OR KILL SOME PLACE NOBODY CAN SEE.

WHAT WE WANT IS TO ASK YOU TO MOVE US TO A NEW PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAY IN THIS PLACE ANY MORE. IF YOU STILL WANT US TO CONTINUE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE THEN WE WILL RATHER DIE, WILL BE BETTER OFF THAN TO STAY AND SUFFER THIS KIND OF LIFE. IF WE HAVE KNOWN THAT WE COME TO THIS COUNTRY WILL LIKE THIS THEN WE WILL RATHER TO STAY WHERE WE WERE, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO SEE THIS KIND OF TERRIBLE LIFE AS WE ARE HAVING NOW. IF WE THINK OF OUR TEARS TO WASH OUR FACES EVERY DAY AND NIGHT IT IS SO PAINFUL FOR US TO SEE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE BETTER LIVES FROM US. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE PROBLEMS  
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AND LET US KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN AND I HOPE THESE PROBLEMS WILL COME THROUGH YOUR CONSIDERATION.

ADDITION: I HAVE TALKED TO THEM TODAY ON THE PHONE AT 7:30 PM. THEY SAID KUA LENG WAS IN THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE HE WAS SO SICK ON HIS STOMACH AND ONE OF THE YOUNG MEN RAN AWAY TO THE WOODS (VAN NOI, 17 YEARS OLD BECAUSE THE SPONSOR WAS SCOLDING HIM TOO MUCH SO HE

AFRAID THE SPONSOR MIGHT COME TO FIGHT HIM AT HOME AGAIN  
THAT'S WHAT HE RAN TO HIDE HIMSELF IN THE WOODS. I TALKED  
TO MUA PAO. HE SAID THAT. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER  
ABOUT THESE PEOPLE AND TRY TO GET THEM OUT OFF THAT PLACE.  
IF NOT SO, IT WILL BE A BIG PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE FOR SURE  
BECAUSE THE SPONSOR DIDN'T LIKE THEM AT ALL BUT I DON'T  
KNOW WHY HE WANTED THEM TO STAY WITH HIM. IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS YOU WANT TO ASK ME YOU CAN REACH ME BY PHONE OR  
THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MUA CHA, 2830 HUMBLE ROAD, MISSOULA,  
MONT 59801. HOME PHONE (406) 543-6398. UNQUOTE.  
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